

City of Selah  
Council Minutes

April 24, 2007

Regular Meeting  
Selah Council Chambers  
115 West Naches Avenue  
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Brian Harris, Keith Larson, Paul Overby, Allen Schmid, Scott Smeback

Members Excused: Denise Nichols, Herb Schmidt

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Gary Hanna, Deputy Fire Chief; Rick Gutierrez, Police Chief; Stacy Dwarshuis, Police Lieutenant; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Schmid led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Rex Van Beek led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

Mayor Jones announced no Executive Session would be held.

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

Councilman Schmid moved approval of the Consent Agenda. There was no second.

**Councilman Scott Smeback moved and Councilman Keith Larson seconded to add N-1 to the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the amendment was adopted.**

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda as amended.

All items listed with an asterisk (\*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

- \* 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting April 10, 2007
- \* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:
- \* 3. Ordinance N-1 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1693 – 2007 Salary Schedule for Management, Confidential and Unrepresented Employees for the Purpose of Adding a Police Lieutenant

**Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman Larson seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. By voice vote, the Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted.**

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

N. Ordinances

- \* 1. Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1693 – 2007 Salary Schedule for Management, Confidential and Unrepresented Employees for the Purpose of Adding a Police Lieutenant

O. Communications

- 1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

- 1. Mayor
- 2. Council Members
- 3. Boards
- 4. Departmental

Police Lieutenant Stacy Dwarshuis reported three contractors walked through the new Police facility with the architect this morning. He stated today they had a meeting with Department of Corrections, and the Chief and he will go over to west side to look at their facilities this coming week. He thanked Councilman Schmid for attending the block-watch party last week.

Councilman Allen Schmid noted that Public Works will request a streetlight be put on the corner by the new police facility.

Lieutenant Dwarshuis further reported they have joined LInX Northwest, a law enforcement information-sharing agency.

Public Works Director Joe Henne handed out the preliminary East Fremont Transportation Improvement Project. He noted the state will then provide traffic light. He asked the Council for approval in proceeding with this project.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet asked when the application is due.

The Public Works Director responded that the deadline is Thursday, April 26, 2007. He referred them to page 7 of the handout, noting the School District will partner in the amount of \$500. He stated there is an error on page 7, \$43,210 will be City's match request \$280,063 which equals 13½ % between City and school district. He stated that if we'd prefer to get 10 points back from them, we would need to come up with \$75,587 or 23½%. That would put us at 10 points and we'd be requesting \$247,686 from the state.

The City Supervisor noted we're working on other sources besides the school district.

Mr. Henne said only \$2 million is available and there will be stiff competition.

Keith Larson recommended we go for the 10 points.

Allen Schmid agreed with Councilman Larson about maximizing points, noting the street badly needs repair.

Mayor Jones agreed that it would finish the Fremont street project.

The City Supervisor suggested a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the application.

**Councilman Schmid moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an application for the East Fremont Transportation Improvement Project. Councilman Larson seconded. By voice vote, motion passed unanimously.**

Joe Henne further reported they are continuing with dust abatement, and the deicing brine has worked well for that. He stated they have ordered a calcium-based product, and will save about \$3,000 doing it themselves. He reported they are closing out contracts with TIB for Crusher Canyon. His department is getting ready for Community Days, and has started spraying for broadleaf.

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported the Driscoll Lane annexation is being considered by the Boundary Review Board. The comment period on the Torkelson apartment down on Southern is completed, and that is ready for the statement from the SEPA official. He stated if that issue is appealed to the Council his recommendation would be to send it to the Hearing Examiner for the hearing. He noted several people want to talk about subdivisions.

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski stated Council Members have before them a printed copy of the 2007 budget including actuals for previous 4 years.

Deputy Fire Chief Gary Hanna reported it has been quiet at the Fire Hall, except that they ran 288 second graders through Edith House last week.

Councilman Keith Larson reported the Public Safety Committee and he and Frank Sweet and Gary Hanna toured new police facility. He said he feels good about that project.

Councilman Brian Harris said Selah has received rave reviews about the softball complex, but the Skate Park is looking dingy again. He stated that skateboarders need to do their part, just like the baseball and softball teams.

Councilman Allen Schmid reported he attended the Yakima Transit Committee meeting the previous Wednesday. He reported they discussed the continuation of service to Selah, and there was good interaction. He said he and Councilman Overby will sit down with the Mayor and City Supervisor and City Attorney to review that information. He stated Yakima Transit will review the original Selah project to be sure that any money left over will be applied to the current agreement with Selah, and they will not be applying any of that to Union Gap. He expressed his disagreement with Councilman Harris' appraisal of the Skate Park. He stated the Skate Park has been cleaned up, but one day when he was gone, it looked pretty trashy. He noted we do have a problem, partly because it is not only our people who use the park. Some come from other areas and use the Skate Park late at night, beyond closing time. He stated everybody needs to be reminded to pick up after themselves. He offered kudos to Tree Top and Matson Fruit, who both had lots of tagging on the back of their facilities. He stated they are cleaning that up, painting it over. He reported Railroad Avenue and East Bartlett alleys are currently clear of graffiti.

Mayor Jones said he hopes the public will keep their eyes open and let us know when they spot tagging. He reported on attending an ESM meeting with Deputy Chief Hanna where there was discussion regarding payment for emergency response outside their district. He explained the EMS levy is not adequate to cover those areas outside the taxing area. He stated we bill insurance companies when we respond to an out-of-district accident. He stated the Board discussed building a contingency fund.

Deputy Chief Hanna added if you live in Selah and pay taxes to Fire District 2, you won't be charged for response. This just refers to responses outside of the taxing area.

Mayor Jones reported he is meeting with Joe Henne and Jeff Hagler tomorrow on Crusher Canyon beautification. He suggested moving the Skate Park to the swale up on Wernex Loop, noting it is an open area, a natural bowl.

City Supervisor Sweet noted the Council previously talked about that site for a Teen Center.

Q. Executive Session

~~15 Minute Executive Session on Real Estate~~

R. Adjournment

Council Member Schmid moved, and Councilman Larson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

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Robert L. Jones, Mayor

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Paul Overby, Council Member

(Excused)

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Denise Nichols, Council Member

(Excused)

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Herb Schmidt, Council Member

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Allen Schmid, Council Member

ATTEST:

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Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

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Keith Larson, Council Member

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Brian Harris, Council Member

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Scott Smeback, Council Member